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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--26 DECEMBER 1961**1. CONGO:**

A. KATANGA'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL PARLIAMENT ARE SCHEDULED TO REACH LEOPOLDVILLE TOMORROW. TSHOMBE HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE KATANGAN PARLIAMENT WILL MEET ON 3 JANUARY TO VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE KITONA AGREEMENT. KIMBA, HIS FIRE-EATING FOREIGN MINISTER, HAS APPEARED IN PARIS "TO GIVE A COMPLETE AND OBJECTIVE REPORT" ON THE KITONA MEETING.

B. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT TSHOMBE PLANS TO COMPLY WITH THOSE PORTIONS OF THE AGREEMENT DEALING WITH UN SECURITY COUNCIL DIRECTIVES, I.E. GET RID OF HIS MERCENARIES. MOST OF THE LATTER ARE SAID TO BE IN KOLWEZI AND JADOTVILLE, WHERE MOST OF TSHOMBE'S INTACT FORCES ARE CONCENTRATED. WE THINK TSHOMBE'S FORCES AROUND ELIZABETHVILLE ARE BEING STRENGTHENED AND REINFORCED.

C. HOFFACKER REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS NOW SOME UN COORDINATION WITH KATANGAN AUTHORITIES ON POLICING THE CITY, AND HE SEES SOME HOPE FOR LAW AND ORDER. HE IS STILL WORRIED ABOUT BEHAVIOR OF THE ETHIOPIAN TROOPS TOWARD EUROPEANS.

D. THE FIRST LEOPOLDVILLE TROOPS WILL BE MOVED TO KATANGA TOMORROW. THEY WILL BE MADE PART OF THE UN FORCE DEFENDING THE KAMINA BASE.

E. PREMIER WELENSKY OF NORTHERN RHODESIA IS CALLING HIS CABINET TOMORROW TO CONSIDER "ALTERING" RHODESIAN POLICY TOWARD KATANGA. THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE WAS UNSPECIFIED, BUT THE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTAINED A NUMBER OF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE UN.

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3. WEST NEW GUINEA:

INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SUBANDRIO DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DUTCH YESTERDAY IN TERMS WHICH SUGGEST THAT THE TWO SIDES CAN AT LEAST BE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE, BUT SAID JONES SHOULD GET A DEFINITIVE ANSWER FROM SUKARNO TODAY. WE DO NOT YET HAVE JONES' REPORT, NOR ANY WORD ON RESULTS OF THE APPROACH HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE IN REGARD TO POPE.

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4. NEW SYRIAN CABINET UNIMPRESSIVE:

SYRIA APPEARS TO HAVE REVERTED TO THE POLITICAL INSTABILITY CHARACTERISTIC OF ITS PRE-UAR PERIOD. COOPERATION AMONG THE MOST POWERFUL CONSERVATIVE GROUPS HAS ALREADY BROKEN DOWN, AND WE DOUBT THAT PREMIER DAWALIBI CAN GET PARLIAMENT TO APPROVE HIS CABINET.

5. NOTES:

A. THERE ARE PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE GETTING READY FOR ANOTHER SPACE SHOT. [REDACTED]

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B. THE USSR HAS MADE [REDACTED] HARSH PROTEST OVER "PLACEMENT OF ATOMIC WEAPONS IN GREECE."

C. THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS BOMBARDED QUEMOY LAST NIGHT (53 ROUNDS) FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE EARLY SEPTEMBER.

D. SOME OF SOUVANNA'S BODYGUARDS HAVE ARRIVED IN VIENTIANE, AND THE MEETING APPEARS DEFINITELY ON.

E. THE PORTUGUESE EXPECT A FLARE-UP OF REBEL ACTIVITY IN ANGOLA DURING THE NEXT MONTH OR SO.

F. THE FRENCH HAVE APPARENTLY GIVEN A LITTLE ON A DATE FOR EVACUATION OF BIZERTE.

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